

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims on both formal grounds and the prior art, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 1, 5-10, 11-19, 24 and 28 have been allowed.

However, applicant notes the Examiner's rejection of Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to utilizing indefinite terminology, and an appropriate amendment has been implemented to delete the term "in particular an axial piston engine". This should render moot the particular formal ground of rejection.

Concerning the rejection of Claims 11 and 13, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and further discussion thereof is rendered moot.

Furthermore, Claim 20 has been amended to be dependent from Claim 1 so as to set forth further features of the invention, and consequently, in addition to dependent Claim 21, is now also deemed to be in condition for allowance by being dependent upon an allowed claim setting forth further subsidiary aspects and details of the invention.

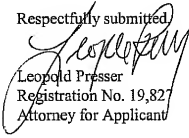
Moreover, Claim 25 has also been amended so as to incorporate additional features as set forth in allowed Claim 1, thereby also rendering Claim 25 into condition for allowance. This also is applicable to Claim 26 which has been amended so as to be dependent upon either Claim 1 or 25, both of which claims are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, inasmuch as all of the amendments are essentially in conformance with the Examiner's requirements, wherein previously rejected claims have either been cancelled or amended

so as to be dependent from allowed claims, or alternatively incorporate further limiting features which are deemed to be patentable by the Examiner, all of the claims being presented herein for the Examiner's consideration are deemed to be in full compliance with the Examiners requirements, and accordingly the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that any further amendments are required to clarify the foregoing, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss the Amendment and any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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